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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 and 7-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4-6 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 03 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/17/04, 9/26/05
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-9 are presented for examination.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Peercy et al.

With respect to claim 1, Peercy et al. teaches the claimed display image generating means for generating display image data based on information on at least one three-dimensional object disposed in a three-dimensional space, and information on the viewport position, at the introduction in the right-hand column which teaches a three-dimensional graphics applications and at section 4 with the teaching of computing directly in eye space, eye space corresponding to the claimed viewpoint position; image area identification data storage means for storing image area identification data that

identifies an image area corresponding to the three-dimensional object, at section 2 in the right hand column, last paragraph which teaches storing a three component texture map; and image processing means for applying image to defocusing processing at least locally to the display image data based on the image area identification data, at the introduction, right-hand column last paragraph with the teaching of interpolation of polygon vertices to polygon interiors, and at section 2 right-hand column also teaching interpolation in the polygon interiors, the polygon interiors corresponding to the claimed image area, and the smoothing generated by interpolation corresponding to the claimed defocusing.

With respect to claim 2, Peercy et al. teaches the display image generating means as discussed above in claim one; elemental image generating means for generating elemental image data that is applied to a surface forming said three-dimensional object and that draws at least one elemental image in an image area corresponding to said surface forming said three-dimensional object, as bump mapping; synthesizing means for generating synthesized display image data based on the information of the three-dimensional object, at the introduction with the teaching of using bump mapping as the synthesizing means; and image processing means for applying image defocusing to the synthesized display image data, as interpolation shown at figure 2.

Claim 3 further requires a storage means for storing texture mapped data to be applied to the surface forming the three-dimensional object, which Peercy et al. teaches at the

introduction as a texture map, and display image generating means to generate the display image data by applying the texture mapped image data stored in the storage means to the surface forming the three-dimensional object, at the introduction as information read from the texture map.

Claims 7 and 8 are similar to claim 1 and are rejected for similar reasons.

Claim 9 further requires display image data to be generated in accordance with the image generating method. Peercy et al. teaches polygon vertices and texture maps as display image data.

4. Claim 6 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from another multiple dependent claim. Claim 6 includes dependency from claim 5 which is a multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claim 6 not been further treated on the merits.

5. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

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6. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 8 is directed to a computer program stored on a computer-readable medium. Computer programs fail to fit any of the four statutory classes on invention.

7. Claims 4-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Almis R. Jankus whose telephone number is 571-272-7643. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached on 571-272-7664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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